

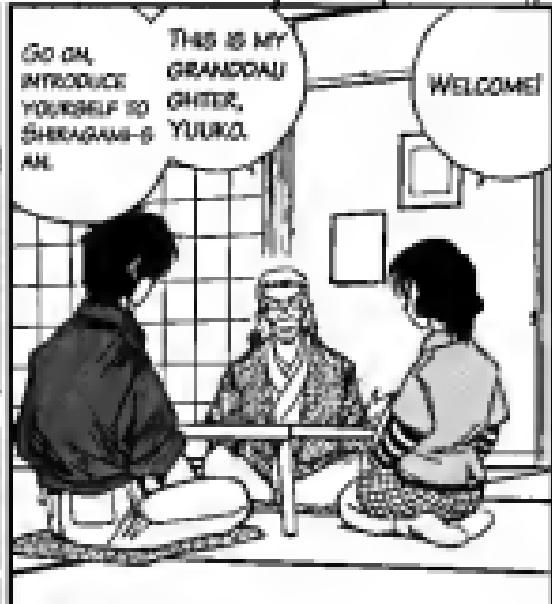
# 黄泉の街



YUJI WATAHARA

水原勇介





HAVE YOU  
HEARD ABOUT  
THE MASKED  
MAN?

SHIRADA  
MI-SAN...

WELL...

SO, WHAT  
HAPPENED  
THIS TIME?

OH, YOU MEAN  
THE KILLER THAT'S  
BEEN IN THE NEWS  
LATELY?

WHAT  
ABOUT HIM?

MASKED  
MAN!

YOU CAN'T  
EVEN SEE  
YOUR OWN  
FEET IN THOSE  
THINGS.

I'VE WORN A  
NON-MASQUE  
ONCE  
BEFORE...

WEARING A  
MASK REALLY  
DECREASES  
YOUR FIELD OF  
VIEW.

DO YOU  
THINK ABOUT  
HIM?

WHAT...

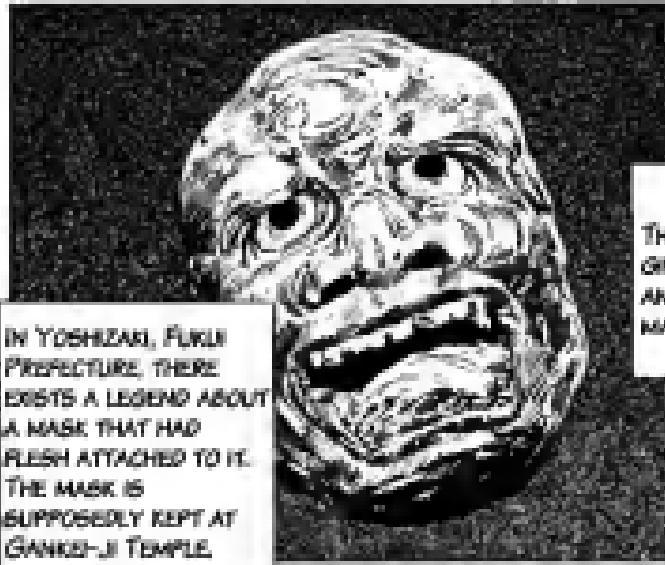
AND I BET IF  
YOU HEAR ONE  
AT NIGHT, YOU  
BECOME  
VIRTUALLY  
BLIND.

I CAN'T  
SEE A  
REAL  
CRIMINAL  
DOING IT.

I DUNNO...

HMM... SEEMS  
LIKE THE POLICE  
ARE PAYING HIM  
OUT TO BE SOME  
MASKED MAN TO  
PROTECT HIS  
IDENTITY.





WHEN MASTERS OF MASKCRAFT PUT ALL OF THEIR HEART AND SOUL INTO CREATING A MASK, SOMETIMES, THEIR TENACITY GETS STUCK WITHIN IT.

THIS IS WHAT GIVES BIRTH TO AN EVIL MASQUE.

IN YOSHIZAKI, FUKUJI PREFECTURE, THERE EXISTS A LEGEND ABOUT A MASK THAT HAD FLESH ATTACHED TO IT. THE MASK IS SUPPOSEDLY KEPT AT GANKO-JI TEMPLE.



WHO BOUGHT THE MASK?

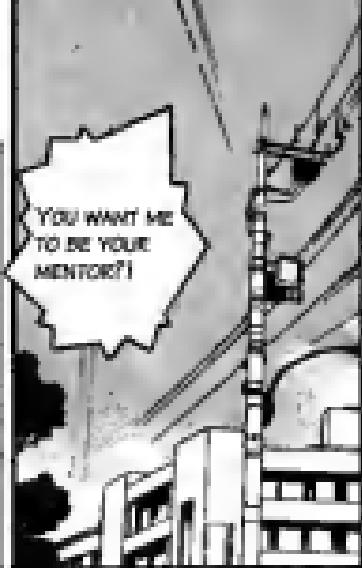


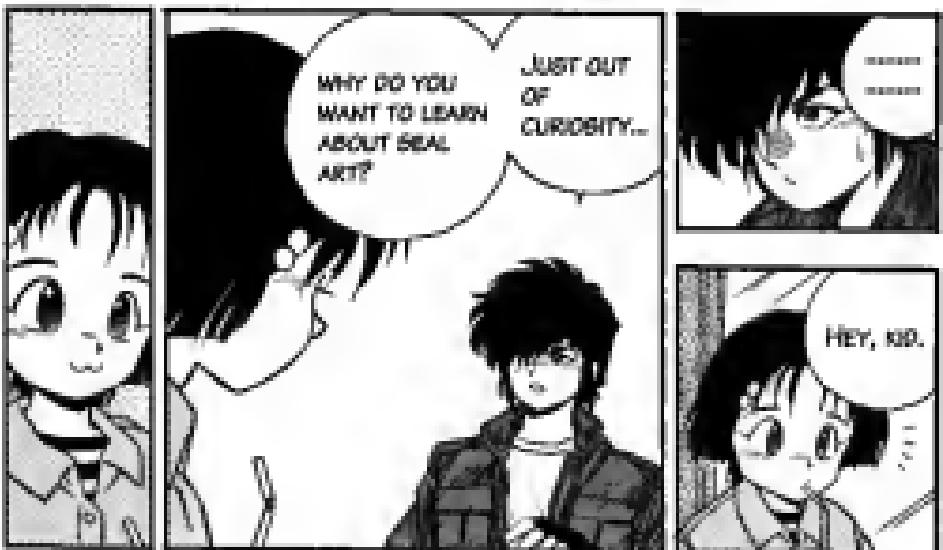
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU!

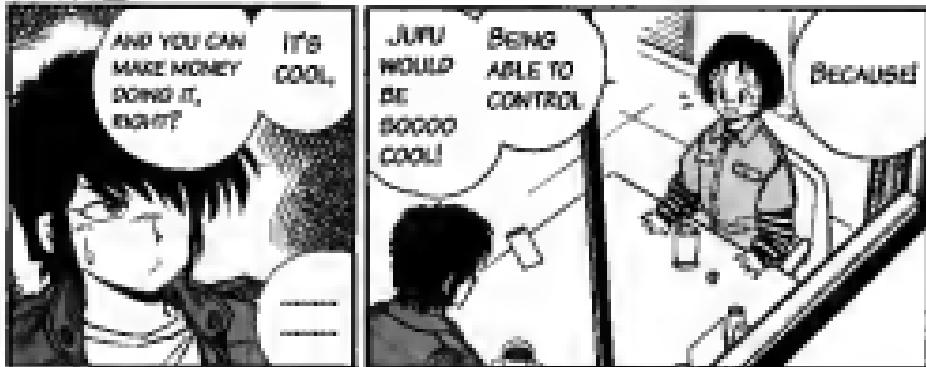
I'LL DO MY BEST TO HELP YOU, SHIRAGAMI-SAN!

PLEASE ASK MY DAUGHTER ABOUT THE DETAILS.









WHEN I WAS STILL  
IN MIDDLE  
SCHOOL...



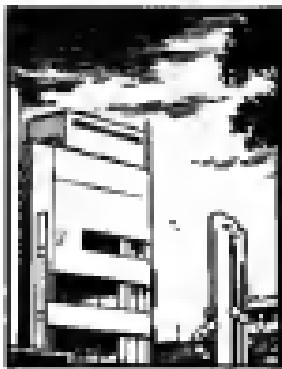


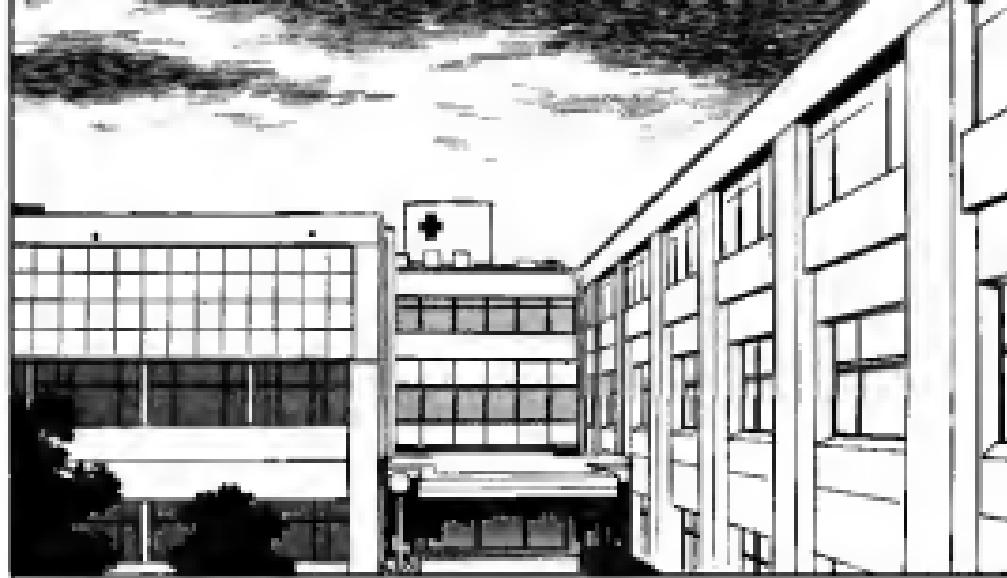
MANGA  
**REBORN**

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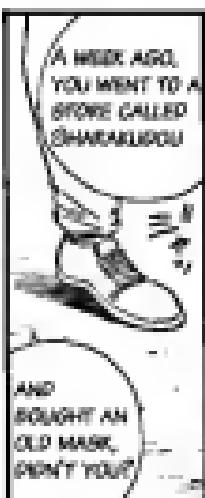








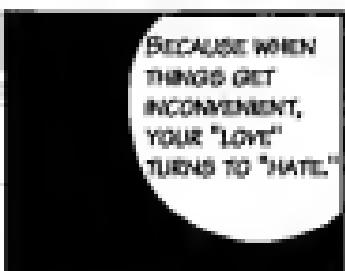


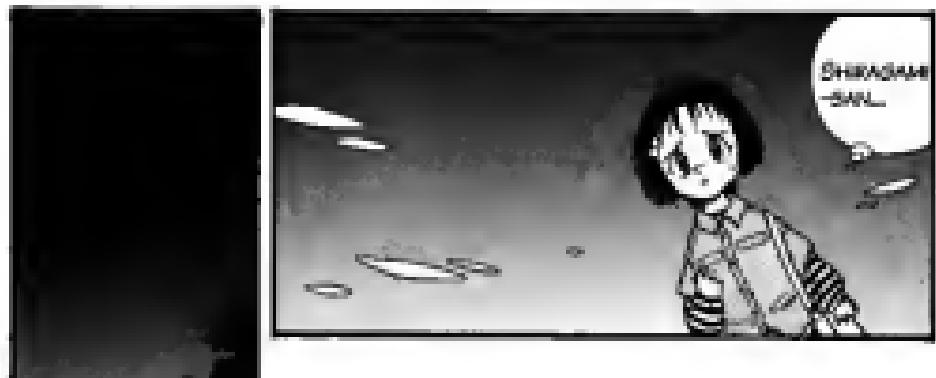
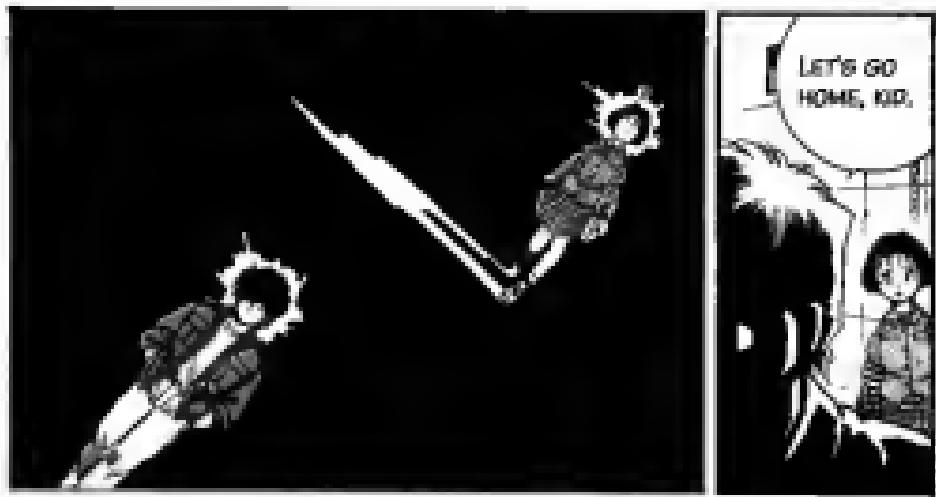




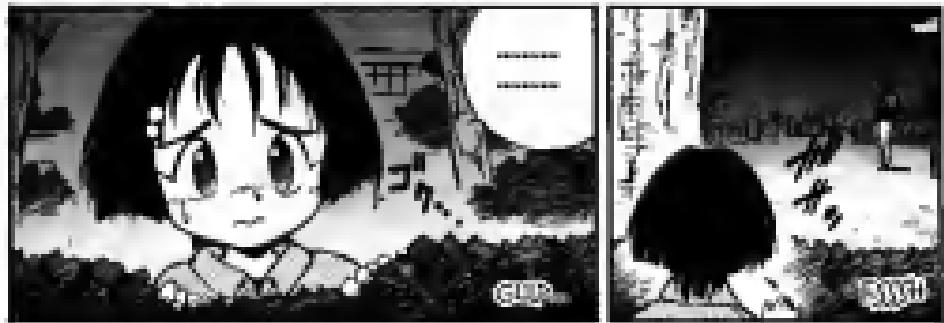












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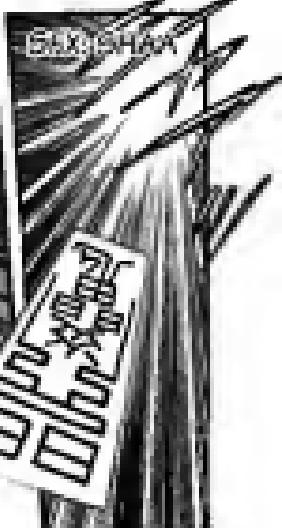
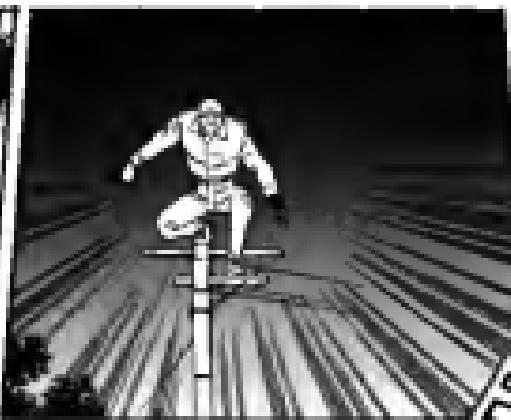
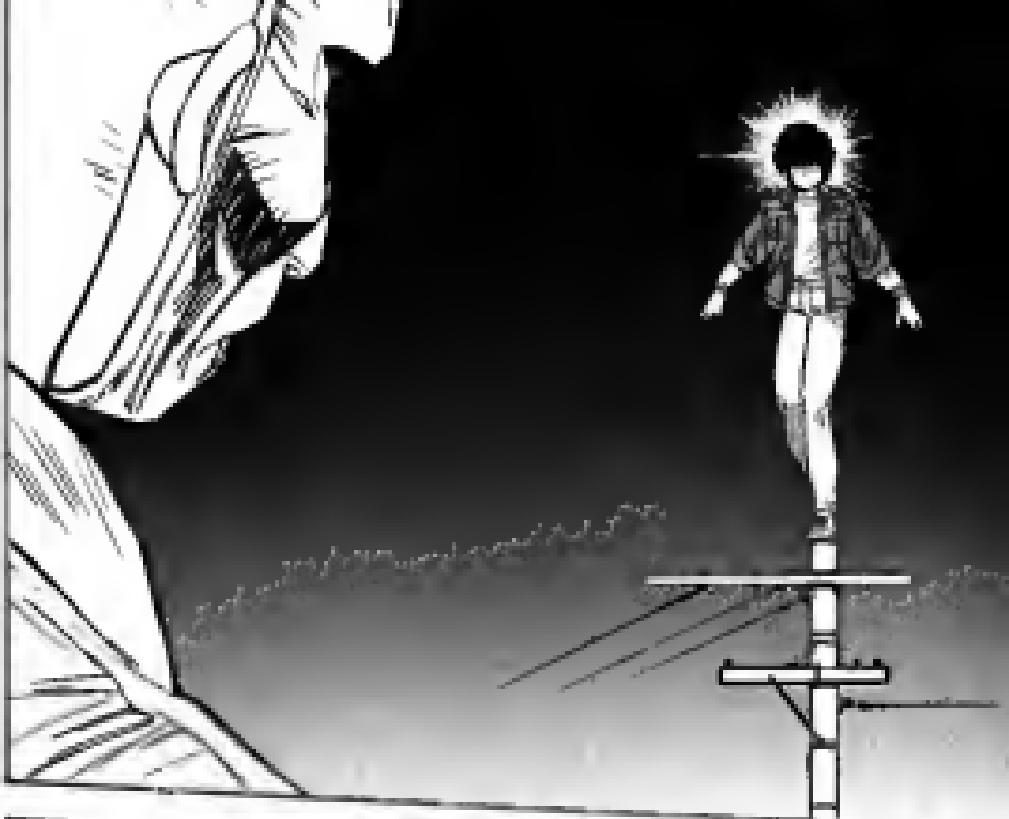


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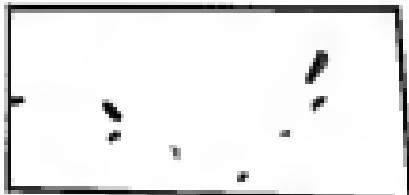












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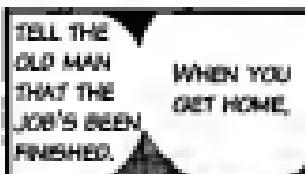


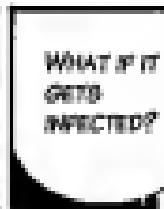
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MIZUSAWA YUSUKE

Phantom Street

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介  
街









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*Yusuke Mizusawa*

# CAST OF CHARACTERS

登場人物紹介

## ■ MAKI HYOUSUKE

THE 17TH-GENERATION "MUSHA," AND CURRENT OWNER OF MUSHA'S PUPPET SHOP. HE USED THE "KUHOU" SKILLS HE LEARNED FROM HIS GRANDFATHER TO DO SIDE WORK AS A SHAMAN. CURRENTLY HE CAN ONLY USE THREE "KUHOU" SKILLS PROPERLY: FLIGHT, SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH, AND RAZOR WIND.



## "KUHOU"

IN THE WORLD OF JAPANESE MYSTICISM, TENGU ARE KNOWN AS CREATURES THAT CONSIST PURELY OF ENERGY, WHO LIVE ALONGSIDE NATURE, YET ARE BEYOND WHAT OUR HUMAN BODIES CAN PHYSICALLY RECOGNIZE. NORMALLY, TENGU ARE BORN FROM NATURAL ENERGY, BUT HUMANS CAN ALSO BECOME TENGU IF THEY TRAIN THEMSELVES PROPERLY. THIS METHOD OF TRAINING IS KNOWN AS KUHOU. TENGU POSSESS THE FOLLOWING ABILITIES: FLIGHT, SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH, TELEKINESIS, MIND-READING, INVISIBILITY, CLAIRVOYANCE, WATER-WALKING, RAZOR WIND, SPIRIT WAVES, AND ILLUSIONARY ARTS.

■ MAO GENZOU

HYOUSUKE'S GRANDFATHER. SEVERAL YEARS AGO, HIS SOUL WAS TRANSPLANTED INTO THIS HEAD. HE TAUGHT HYOUSUKE BOTH IN PUPPETRY AND KUHOU. GENZOU POSSESSED THE ABILITIES OF CLAIRVOYANCE, MIND-READING, AND ILLUSORY ARTS, BUT HE ALSO HAS A FEW OTHER TRICKS UP HIS SLEEVE.



■ SHIRAGAMI JIN

A SEALIST WHO CAN MANIPULATE POWERED SEALS CALLED "JUJU." HE MAKES HIS LIVING BY TAKING ANY SORT OF PAYING JOB HE CAN GET HIS HANDS ON. HE'S BEEN CONNECTED TO HYOUSUKE FOR SEVERAL YEARS.



■ SAKI MIYA

A CHILDHOOD FRIEND OF HYOUSUKE'S WHO TRAINED WITH HIM IN THE MOUNTAINS WHEN THEY WERE CHILDREN. SHE'S A MASTER OF KUHOU WHO CAN USE ALMOST ALL OF THE POSSIBLE ABILITIES, AND ALSO RUNS A DETECTIVE OFFICE. TO HYOUSUKE, SHE'S LIKE AN OLDER SISTER.



■ CHIBA REIKO

THE GIRL FROM THE LIQUOR SHOP NEXT DOOR WHO HELPS HYOUSUKE OUT PART-TIME AT HIS SHOP. SHE'S IN LOVE WITH HIM.

卷之二

邪面

妖娘

狸

又

影法師

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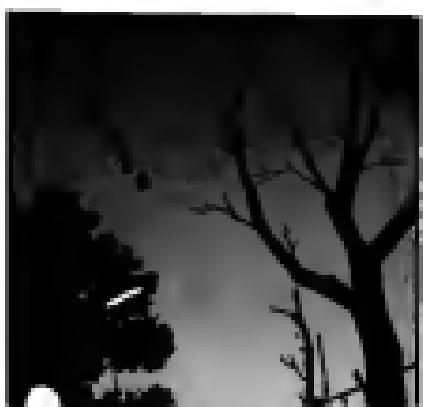
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- #24. KAGEBOUSHI



## #20. Evil Masque







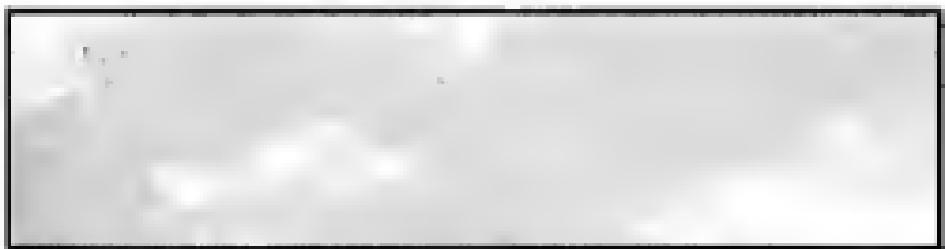




I WONDER WHAT KIND OF GUY HE IS?

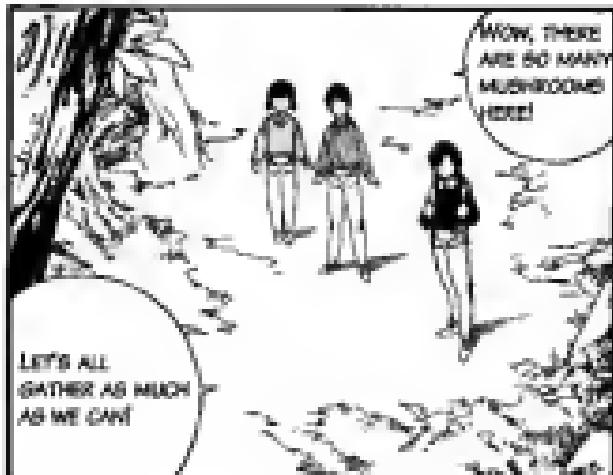


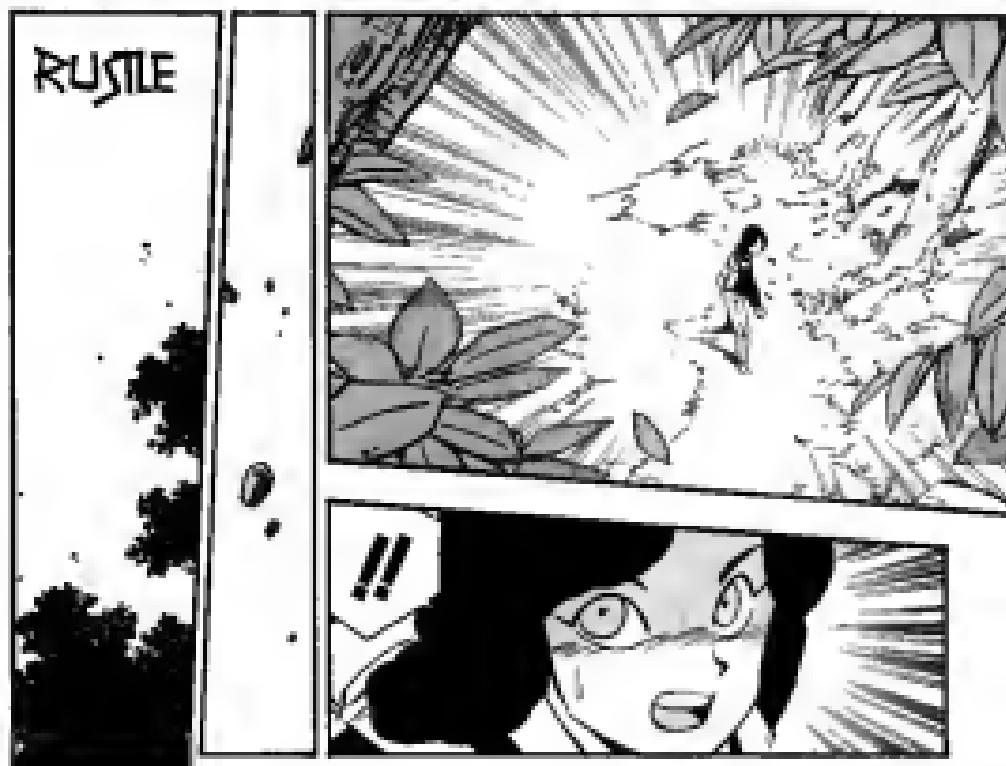


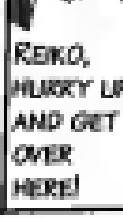
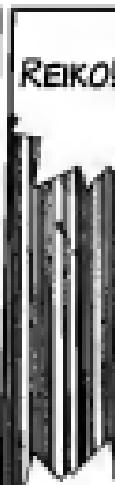


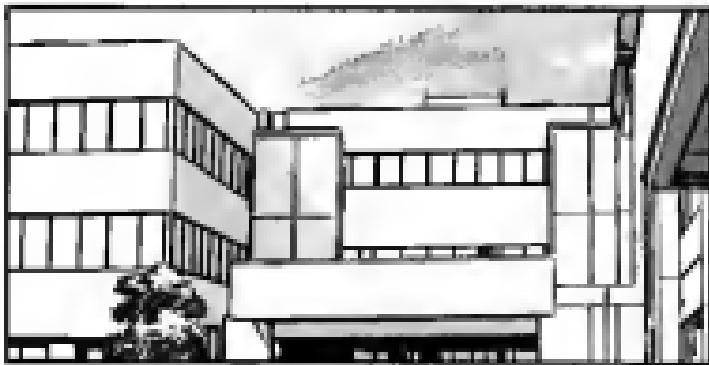










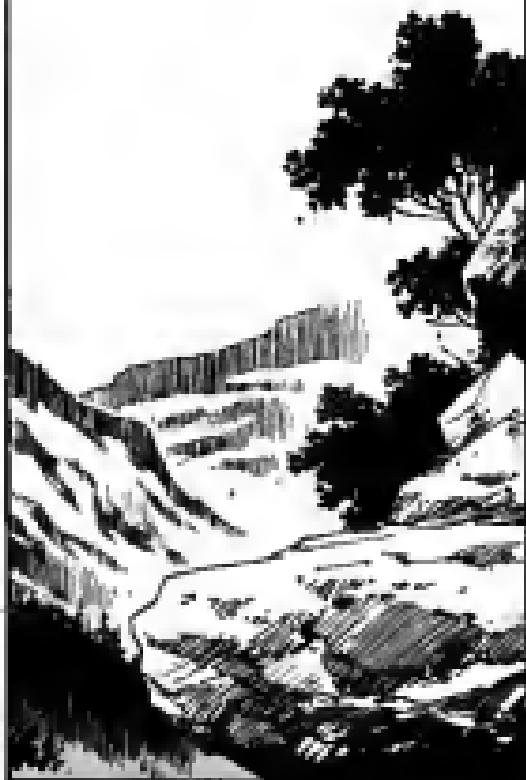
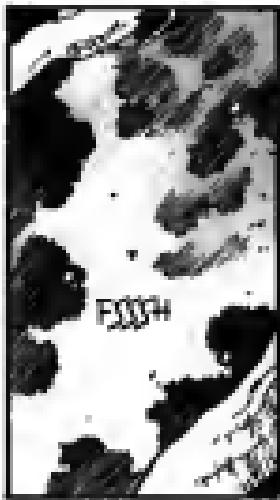






CAN YOU  
SHOW ME  
WHERE





A BESTIAL PRESENCE!

IT'LL BE HARD TO FIND IT IN THE MOUNTAINS LIKE THIS.

WELL, BENEDICT?

WHY?

BUT I DO SENSE A STRANGE, BESTIAL PRESENCE...

HMM...

?

DID YOU HAPPEN TO NOTICE ANYTHING STRANGE LAST TIME YOU CAME UP HERE?

OH, RIGHT! REED-CHAN!

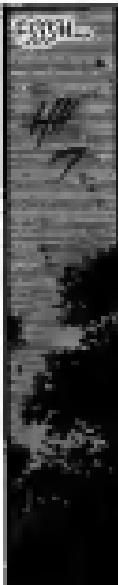
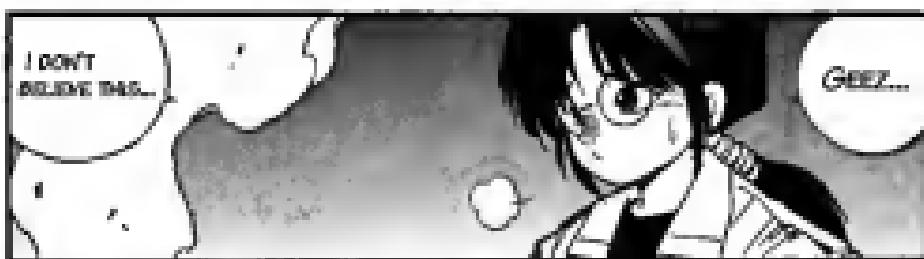
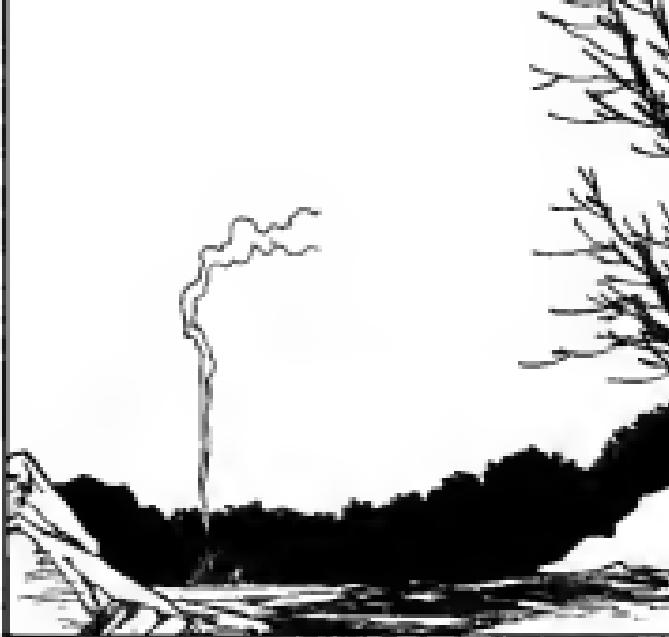
NOTHING AT ALL...

OH, NOTHING.

BORG, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



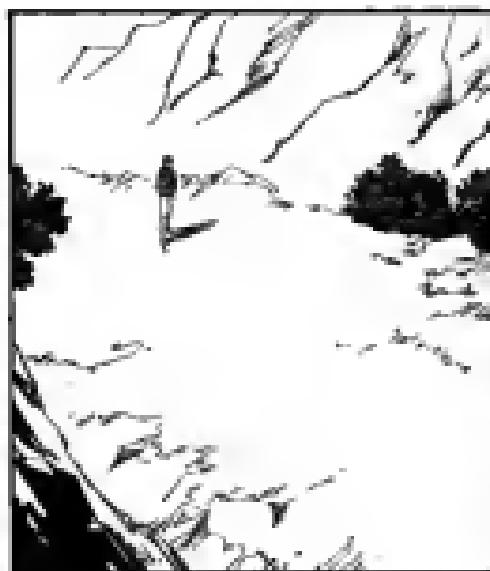






I FOUND  
SOME  
FIREWOOD!

HMM...  
IS IT...  
HUMAN?



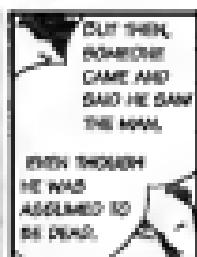
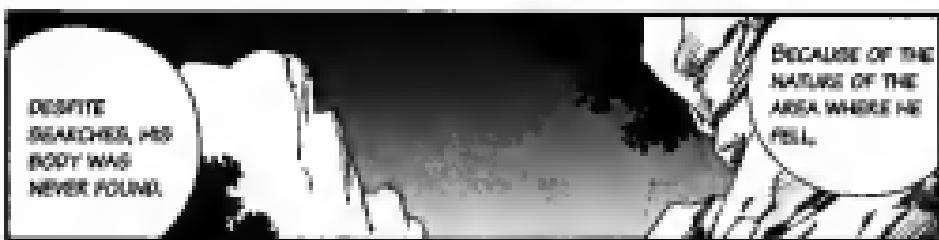




## #21. Phantom Monkey













FL...

GRANDPA!

THAT HORSE  
DON'T TELL ME...

IT LOOKED LIKE  
IT HAD BEEN  
ONLY RECENTLY.

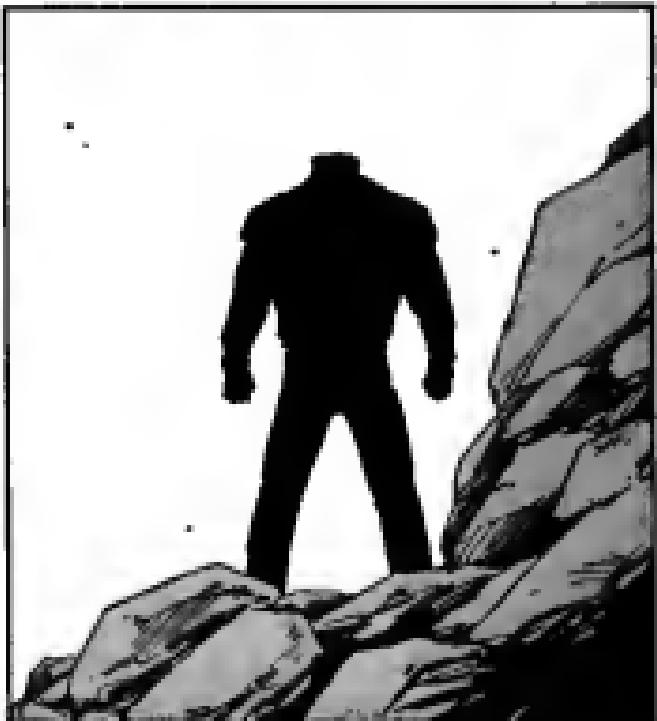
IT WAS A  
STRANGE  
CREATURE  
THAT LOOKED  
LIKE A  
MONKEY.





STRIPS







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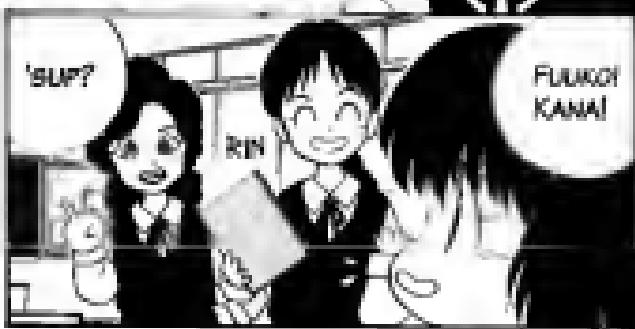
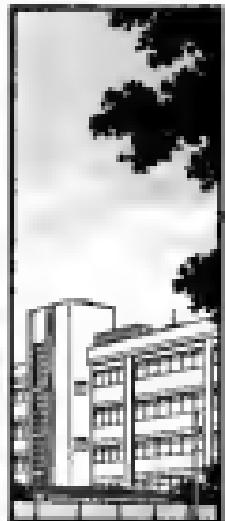
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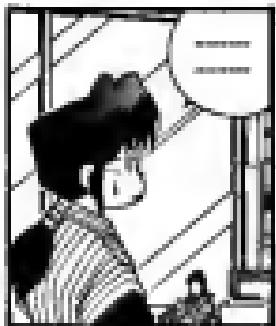




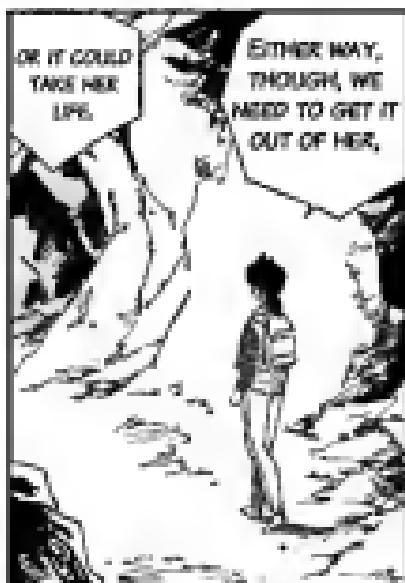




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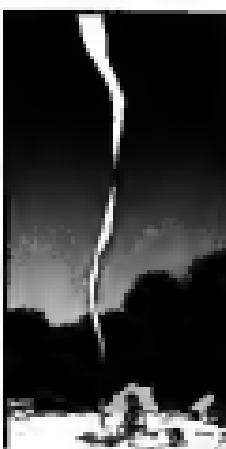
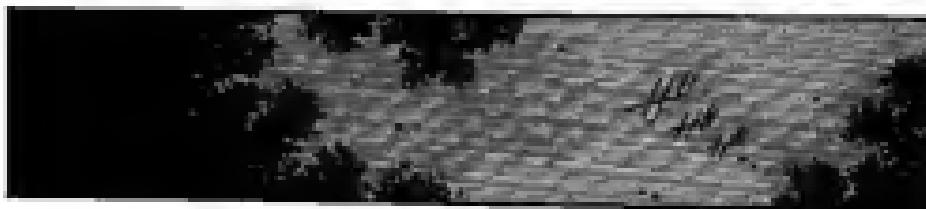




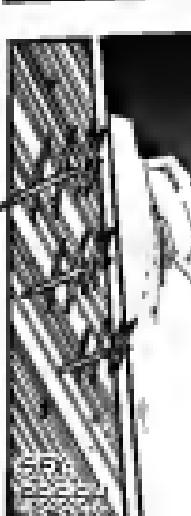


SFX: THUD











SFX: THUNK



Character: *Character!*



"PACOM"



Character: *MIA-OH AN!?*

"THUD"





YEAH...

AT LEAST, I  
THINK SO.



REMOVING IT WILL  
MERELY PUT HIM  
TO REST.



PROBABLY...

FSSSH





UOOOHHHH





RUMBLE

CRACK

BUT YOU  
AREN'T  
GETTING  
HER.

SORRY...

SROWHAM

SFX: BSSH

SFX: BWOOOM



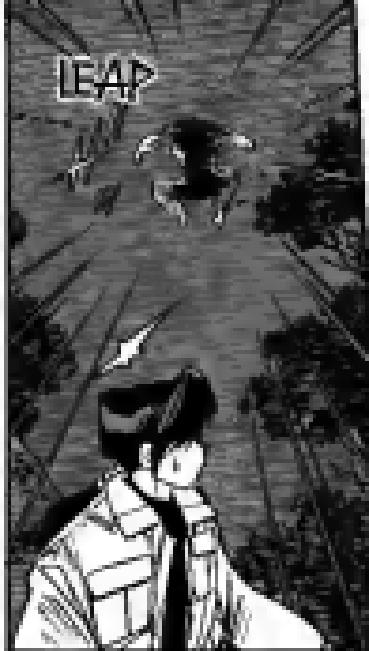
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BWAHH





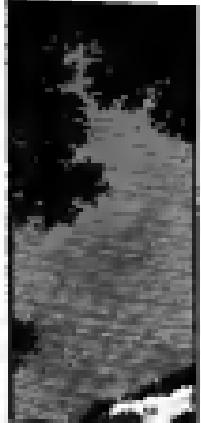


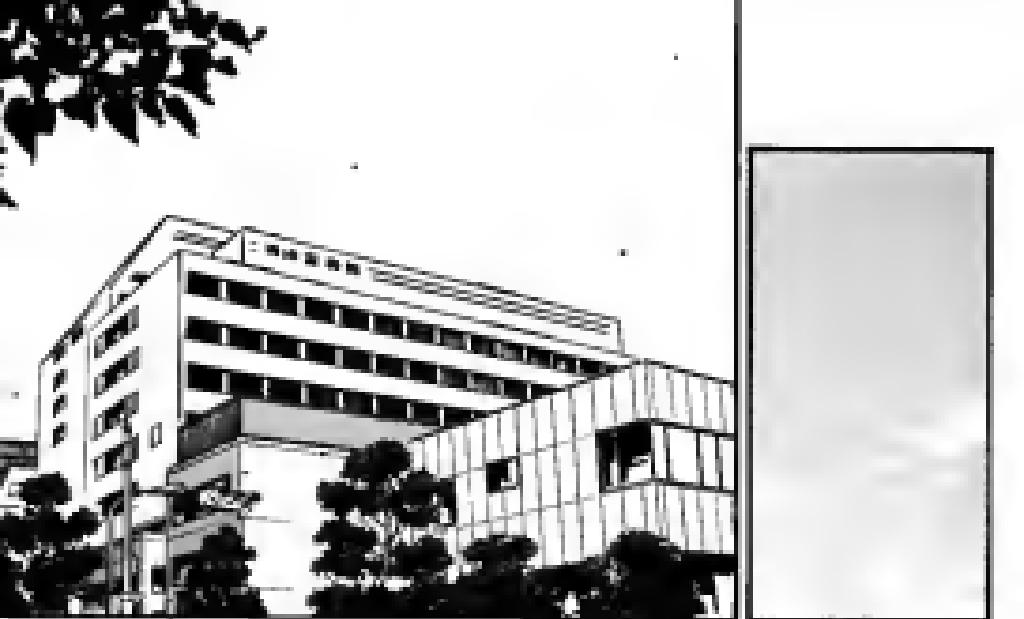
## #22. Yamako



# SFX: SLICE



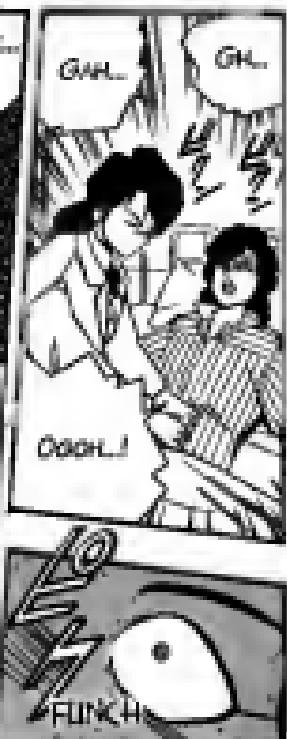


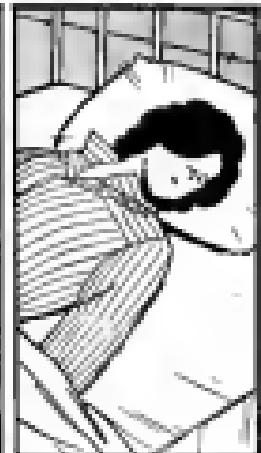
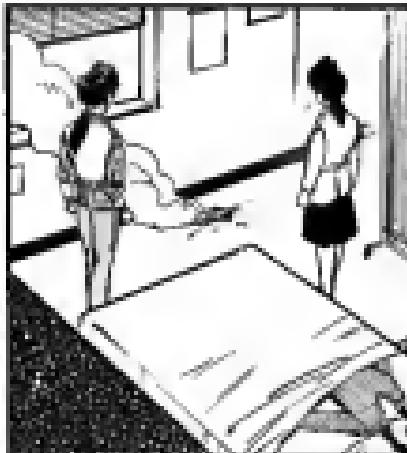
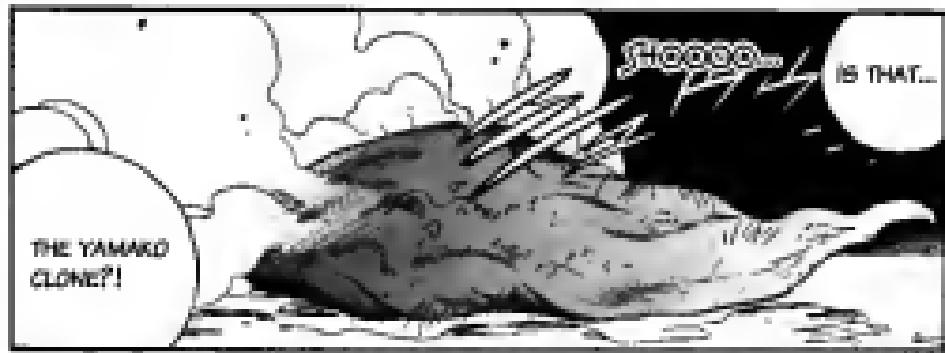


JUST USE SPIRIT WAVES.\*

\*: ONE OF THE KUHOU ABILITIES. BY CHANNELING SPIRITUAL WAVES THROUGH ONE'S PALM, PHYSICAL WOUNDS CAN BE HEALED.









A FEW DAYS LATER





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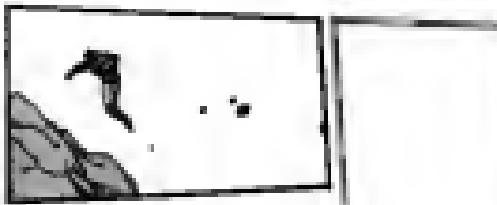
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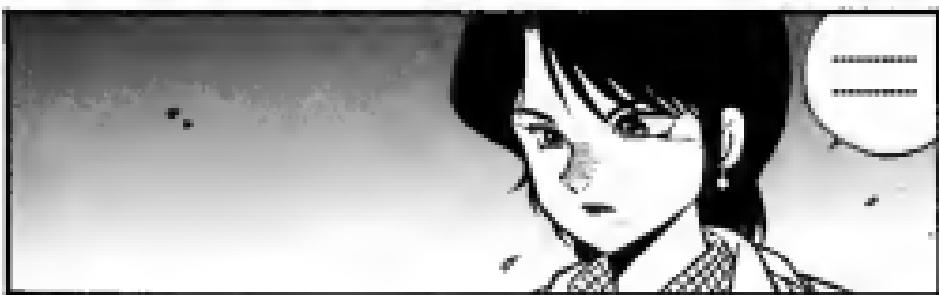




SFX: LEAP





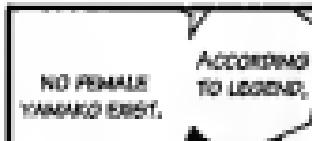






YAMAKO ARE PHANTOM MONKEYS THAT RESEMBLE BLACK ORANGUTANS WHO USED TO BE OFTEN FOUND DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS OF HIDA AND MIHO IN Gifu PREFERENCE.

THEY'RE ALSO KNOWN AS "YAMAKAZA," "YAMAKO," AND AS "KAKUEN" IN CHINA.

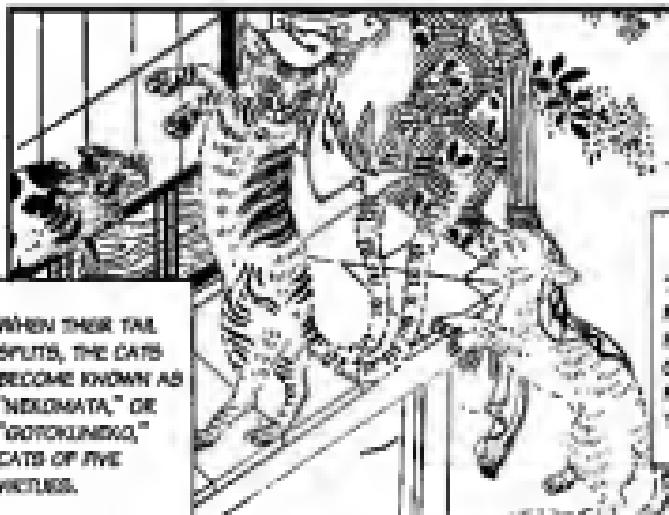






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WHEN THEIR TAIL SPLIT, THE CATS BECOME KNOWN AS "NEKOMATA," OR "GOKURAKU," CATS OF FIVE VIRTUES.

IT'S SAID THAT WHEN CATS LIVE FOR A VERY LONG TIME, THEIR TAIL SPLITS INTO TWO AND THEY GAIN MYSTERIOUS POWERS.

THIS HAS A POSSIBILITY OF HAPPENING TO ANY CAT WHO'S LIVED FROM TEN TO THIRTY YEARS.



AND PLAY TRICKS ON HUMANS IN ORDER TO STEAL THEIR FOOD.

NEKOMATA HAVE THE POWER TO CONTROL SPIRIT FLAMES.



WHAT?  
MYBONES, I'M SORRY, BUT WOULD YOU TAKE CARE OF HIM FOR ME?

YOU ALREADY HAVE 200 CATS, SO WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL ANOTHER ONE MAKE?



AS YOU CAN SEE THROUGH, THIS NEKOMATA'S ALL LOCKED UP.



SPIRIT FLAMES?

AHH... THEY'RE A BIT DIFFERENT FROM NORMAL FLAMES, IN THAT THEY AREN'T HOT.



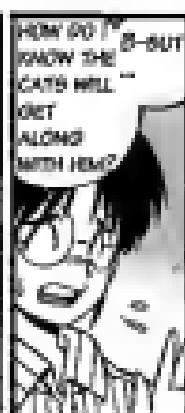
I DON'T HAVE THE HEART TO KILL IT, THOUGH.



BUT IF SMOTHERED BY THEM, YOU'LL SUFFOCATE.



SP! BWOHH

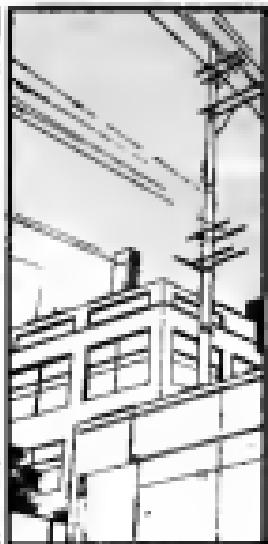




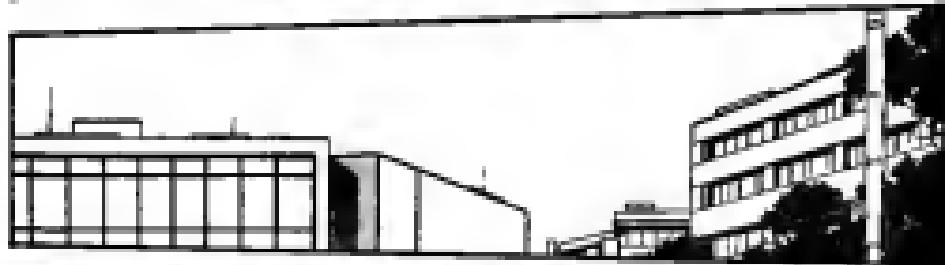








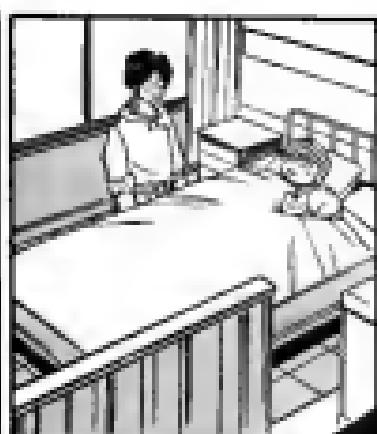
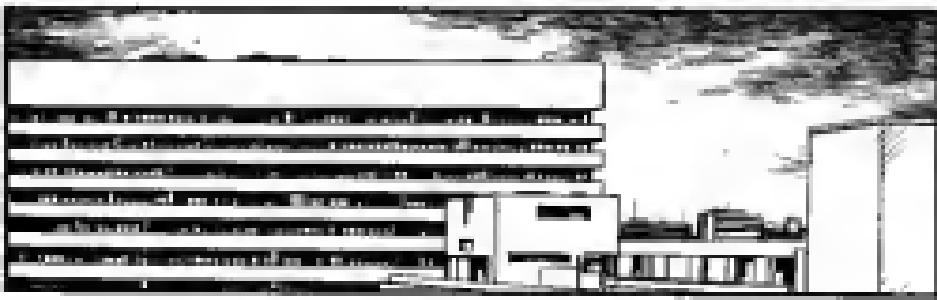
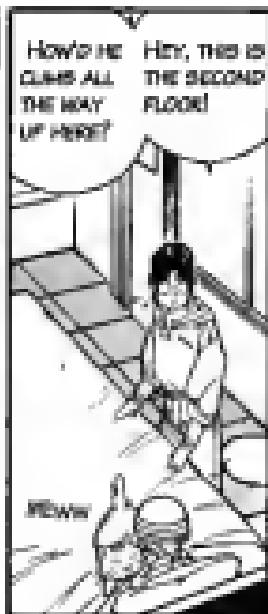






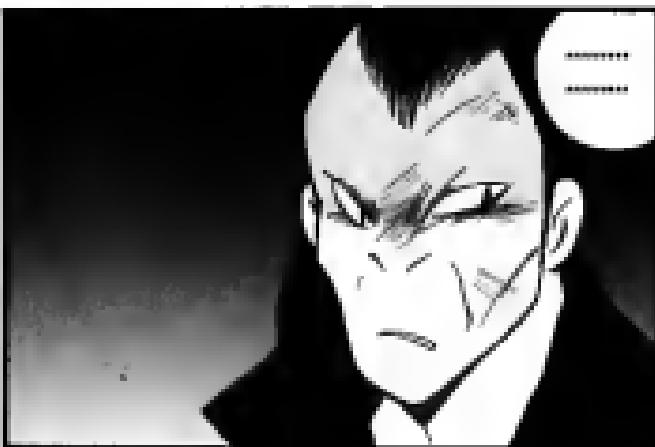












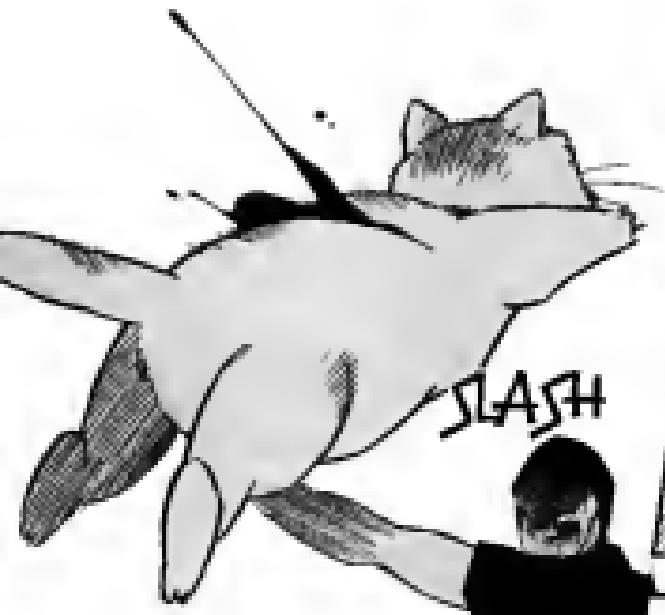


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#23. Nekomata











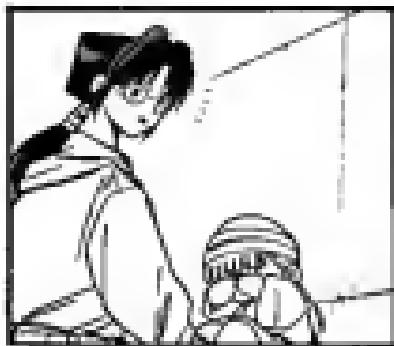
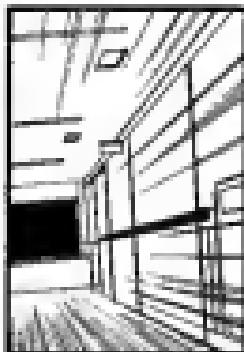
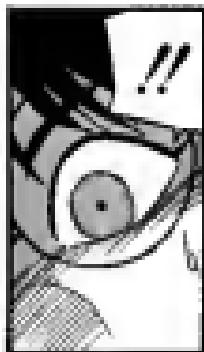
IT...

IT  
HURTS...

UOH...

AAAHH













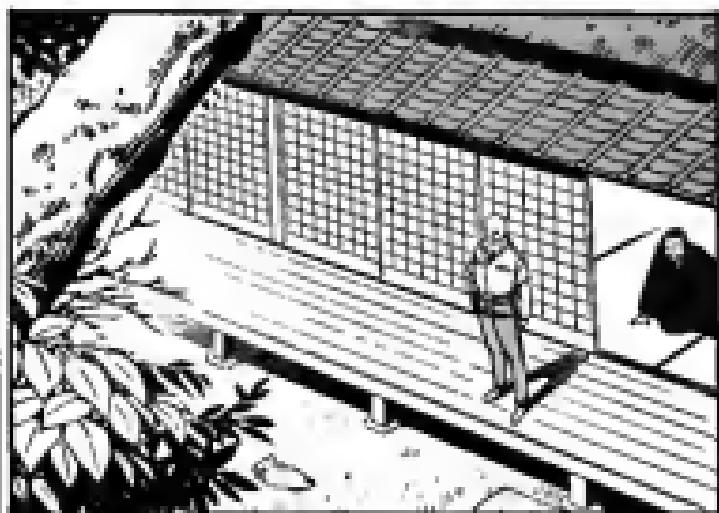
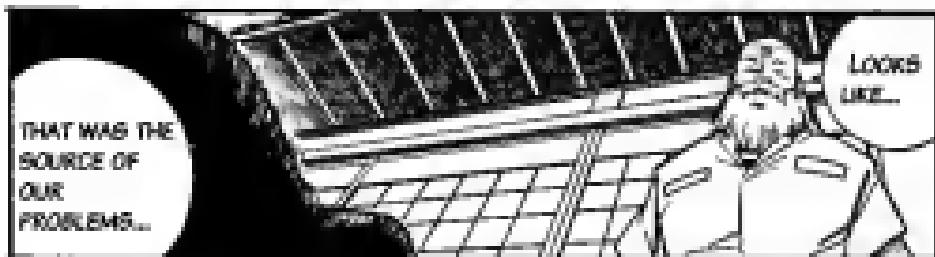
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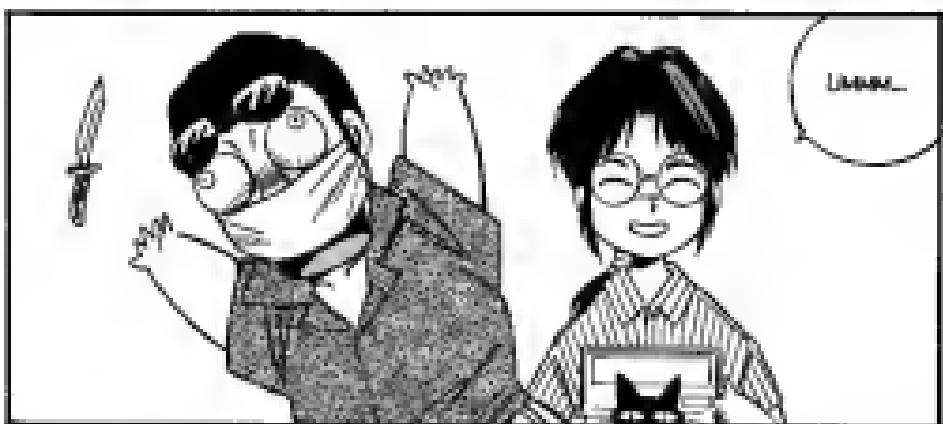
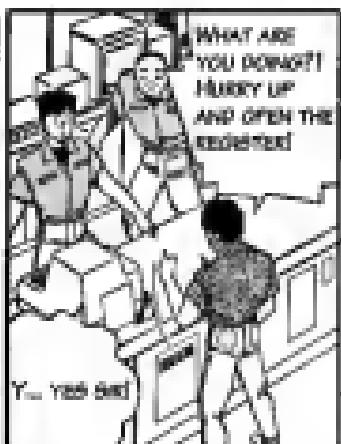
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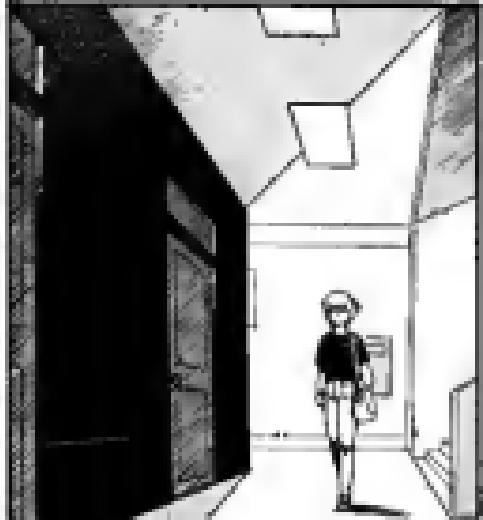






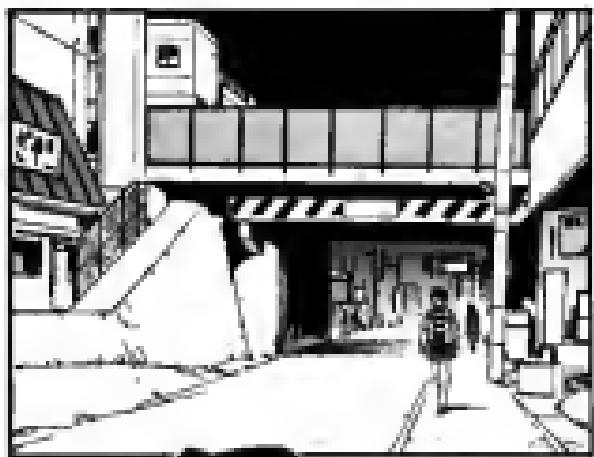


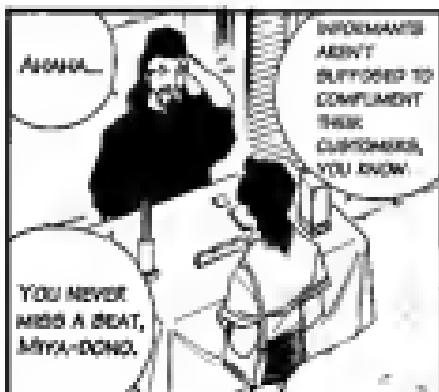












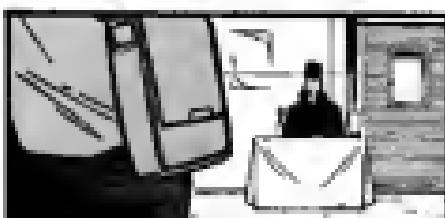
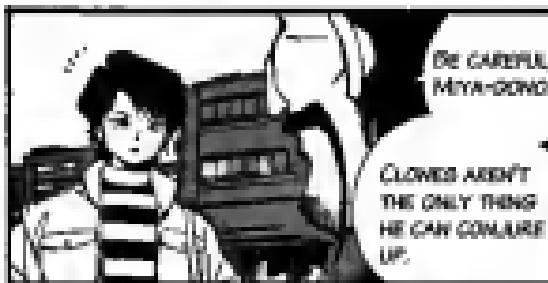




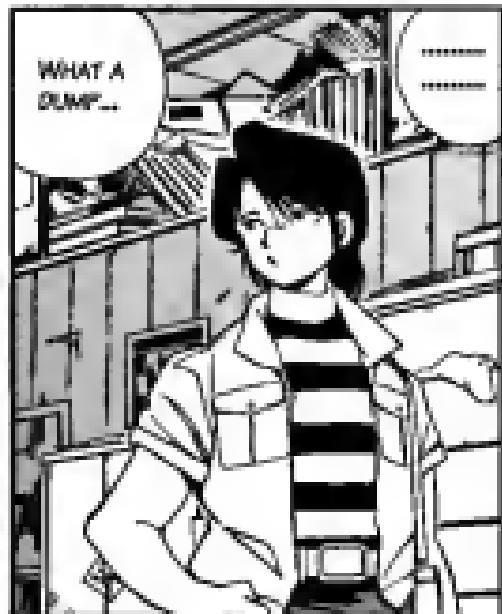
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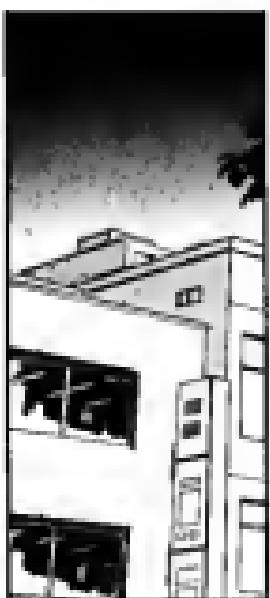
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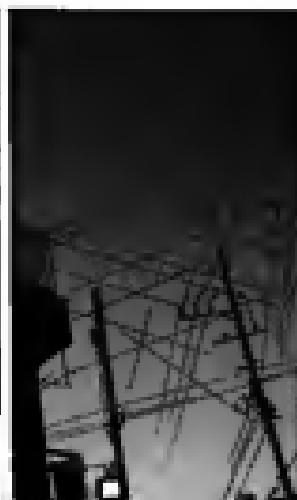
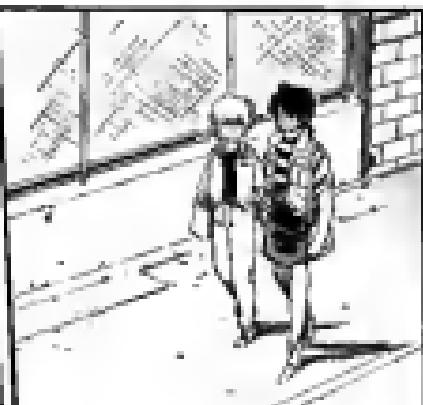








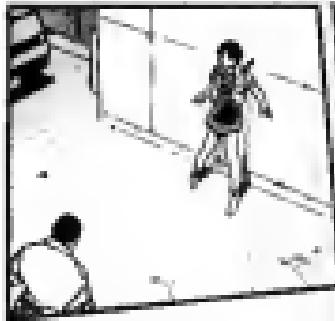












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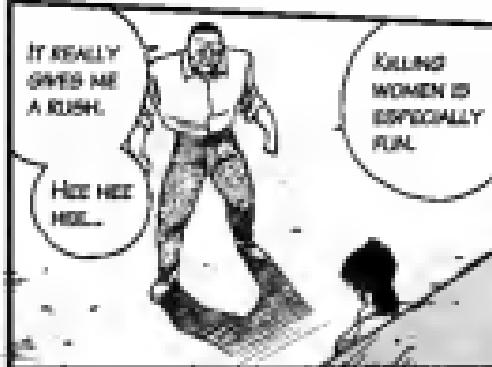
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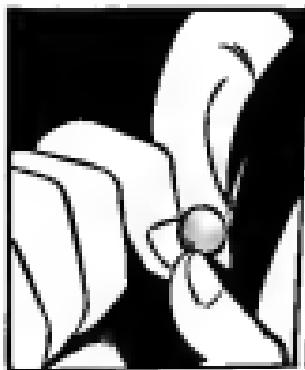




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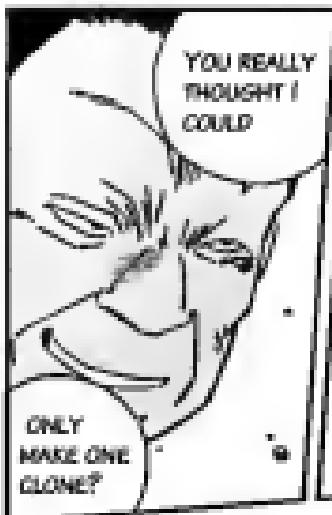
YOU'RE











夢幻乐园







HE WAS IMMEDIATELY TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL, BUT HAD LOST TOO MUCH BLOOD

AND DIED SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

5/1 BLEEDING FROM HIS STOMACH AND COLLAPSED.

LATE LAST NIGHT, A CUSTOMER DRINKING AT A BAR CALLED "GHOST" SUDDENLY STARTED

THE BRIGHTER THE LIGHT, THE DEEPER THE SHADOW BECOMES.



KASEYAMA TORUJI (35)

A 35-YEAR-OLD MAN. DETECTIVES SUSPECT THAT HE USED A KNIFE TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

FROM HIS ID THE POLICE LEARNED THAT HE WAS KASEYAMA TORUJI-SAN.

OF COURSE, I'M JUST LIKE THEM.

I LIVE IN THE DARKNESS.

FIGHTING WITH THE EVIL THAT DWELLS THERE IS MY JOB.



JUST AS  
THERE IS  
SHADOW  
WHERE THERE  
IS LIGHT,



THERE ARE  
HUMANS WHO  
LIVE IN THE  
WORLD OF  
LIGHT, AND  
THOSE WHO  
DWELL IN  
DARKNESS.





# 夢幻街 (5)

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*Yusuke Mizusawa*



BUT THOSE  
IN THE  
LIGHT MAY

NEVER  
JUDGE  
THOSE IN  
THE  
SHADOWS...





ONLY THOSE  
OF THE DARK  
MAY PASS  
JUDGEMENT  
ON ONE  
ANOTHER...

